HOUSE BILL 3577

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, relative to reports of abuse.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-406, is amended by adding the following as new subsection:

() If the report of child abuse alleges physical abuse, the investigation shall be conducted by a child protective services investigator who is adequately trained in investigating physical abuse reports or may be referred to a child advocacy center.

Under no circumstances shall the investigation be performed by a probation officer previously assigned to the child.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.